

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 6, line 9 and ending on page 7, line 5 with the following:

A. Referring to FIG. 5, upon sensing a first electromyogram signal 12 as described earlier, the processor 32 can optionally detect a "click" 51 (a click being the equivalent of a left and/or right click as can be asserted, for example, by a mouse or trackball controller). A click 51 can be detected ~~54~~ by sensing, for example, a very short duration electromyogram signal. So configured, a user would only flex a monitored muscle very briefly to thereby create an electromyogram signal that would be detected ~~54~~ as a click 51. Other schemes could be utilized as well, of course. For example, two quick successive muscle flexings could be required, or a short first flexing followed by a medium length second flexing. Many other approaches could be utilized as well, and the invention should not be viewed as being limited to any particular pattern or scheme. Upon detecting ~~54~~ an electromyogram signal that is to be interpreted as a click 51, the processor 32 establishes 52 that a click has been asserted.

Otherwise, presuming either that a click 51 has not been detected ~~54~~ or that no click detection has occurred, the electromyogram signal is utilized to establish 53 a corresponding angle of directional movement for the display indicator. This information can then be optionally used to rotate the corresponding screen symbol. For example, an on-screen cursor 61 may have a starting position and orientation as depicted in FIG. 6. Based upon the angle of directional movement as established 53 by the processor 32, the on-screen cursor 61 can be rotated 71 as depicted in FIG. 7. The amount of rotation 71 can comprise a function of the magnitude and/or duration of the electromyogram signal (and hence the magnitude and/or duration of the monitored muscle flexing). Rotation 71 of the on-screen cursor 61 can either be done after the signal has been fully processed or during processing of the signal. The latter approach has the advantage of being more real-time and providing substantially immediate visual feedback to the user. The latter advantages can facilitate both a shortened learning cycle and a potentially speedier user interface in use.